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1. WE FIND MD(73)66 A WELL DRAFTED DOCUMENT THAT REFLECTS MANY U. S. IDEAS; THEREFORE WE FAVOR ITS ATTACHMENT AS AN ANNEX TO THE ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COUNCIL AND THINK SOME OF ITS LANGUAGE COULD USEFULLY SUPPLANT PASSAGES OF OTHER DOCUMENTS ON CRISIS MANAGEMENT THAT THE SENIOR COMMITTEE IS CONSIDERING. TO MINIMIZE PROSPECT OF PLENARY BECOMING A DRAFTING SESSION, US REP SHOULD SUGGEST THAT MD(73)66 BE DISTRIBUTED IMMEDIATELY TO CAPITALS FOR COMMENT BY JULY 15.

2. FYI: ALTHOUGH WE AGREE WITH MISSION THAT PARTS OF MD(73)66 MAY PROVE CONTROVERSIAL, WE FEEL SOME OF THE ISSUES WILL BE RESOLVED IN CONTEXT OF SCEPC DISCUSSIONS OF OTHER CRISIS MANAGEMENT PAPERS (E. G. AC/98- D/651,
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D/659, D/664, AND WP/81) AND PROPOSED ANNEX WILL ONLY
REFLECT OUTCOME OF THESE DISCUSSIONS. FURTHERMORE, COM-
MENTS ON PROPOSED ANNEX MAY WELL PROVE USEFUL IN SCEPC
CONSIDERATION OF THESE OTHER PAPERS. END FYI. PORTER

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